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Walter Johnson Club Is Organized

Football Schedule Given - Open With Clemson at Clinton

Presbyterian College's hard fighting Blue Stockings will open their most important season with the mighty Clemson Tigers in Clinton on September 21, as the celebrations for Walter Johnson's 25th year as Calvinistic mentor begin.

Johnson, who is probably the best loved and most admired mentor in the Palmetto state, will be putting his twenty-fifth edition of the fighting Blue Hose on the gridiron as the 1940 season opens, and the college authorities are planning big things for the season as all the state and the South pays tribute to a great coach, a clean sportsman, and a sterling Christian gentleman whose tenure of service at one institution surpasses that of all other Southern athletic figures.

Clemson College, traditional opening rivals of the Blue Stockings, have gladly consented to join with the college in paying honor to this man, and have changed the place at which the annual game is played from Clemson to Clinton for the first time in history.

Already plans are being made to make this game the greatest sporting attraction in the Palmetto state in 1940, with the college, the alumni association, the athletic association, and leading sports figures of the South preparing for the celebration more than nine months prior to its happening.

Homecoming Day for Blue Stocking alumni and friends has been set as November 16, when the Wofford Terriers will meet the Johnson boys on Johnson Field in an effort to break the 12-12 stalemate at which last year's battle ended.

The complete schedule, with last year's scores, follows:

Saturday, Sept. 21—Clemson College; Clinton; PC 0, Opp. 18

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HOMECOMING

Presbyterian College's 1940 Homecoming Day has been set for Saturday, November 16, when a big alumni rally is planned, including banquet, election of officers, and a general get-together, followed by a gridiron battle between the Blue Stockings and the Wofford Terriers on Johnson Field.

MAKE PLANS TODAY TO BE "BACK HOME" ON NOVEMBER 16 !!

NIXON'S LETTER

Secretary New Club

Addresses All Old Grads

Dear Alumni:

It is with great pleasure and the anticipation of many happy associations that I take over my duties as secretary and treasurer of the new organization known as the "Walter Johnson" Club. This is just my "sophomore" year as a coach at Presbyterian College, but after all, one's second year seems to greatly increase one's love for a school. I know that I have done well to come to Presbyterian College.

Coach Johnson, in his humble sort of way, did not wish to have the club named in his honor, because it was thought by him that he would be placed in the embarrassing position of having to solicit toward his namesake. All of us are able to see his point of view. Now, as the situation stands, I am that man who in the very near future will be calling on you to help toward making this Walter Johnson Club an everlasting monument to the grand person for whom it is named.

Even though it has not been my pleasure to personally contact many of you who were athletes under Coach Johnson, just yesterday at the fine meeting of which you can read in this publication, several old never to be

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Alumni Form Group - Promote Athletics

Twenty-two alumni met at the college on Monday, March 25, and organized an athletic club to be known as the Walter Johnson Club, membership to begin upon the receipt of ten dollars from the individual desiring membership, and the members receiving special reports on the progress of athletics at the college, reports between games during the football season, and having priority in the choice of seats at athletic events.

The funds from the organization will be used by the athletic council of the club to assist Walter Johnson in building greater athletics at the college.

Detailed minutes of this meeting will be found on page three of this issue of the Alumlite, the list of officers and members will be a regular feature of page two of this publication.

May we suggest that you read Secretary-Treasurer Jack Nixon's Letter to Alumni in this issue and learn what your part can be in building a greater athletic program at your alma mater.

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College Presenting Radio Program On Eight Stations

Presbyterian College's radio department, under the direction of Hugh Holman, class of 36, is now producing two fifteen minute radio programs weekly, which are being transcribed on the college's excellent equipment and broadcast over eight North and South Carolina stations.

One series is THE FORUM OF THE AIR which deals with past and present problems and personalities in Southern history in dramatic form. The other is EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE CAROLINAS which summarizes outstanding expressions of editorial

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Marion Kirven, five years; William Weldon, four years; Hugh Eichelberger, three years; Robert Sims, two years; Gifford Shaw, one year.

Members

In addition to the officers: W. P. Jacobs, Delmar Rhame, Walter Johnson, Eugene Wilson, Frank B. Estes, Bob Sims, Hugh Dick, P. H. Bomar, A. W. Brice.

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Forum System Functioning Well At College

Professor Kenneth N. Baker, director of Forums at Presbyterian College, early in March announced a schedule of group discussions for the spring session at the college which includes twenty-five topics covering a field that ranges from ultra violet radiations and national defense to creative writing and religion.

Under the forum system, employed by Presbyterian College as a part of its individualized instruction, Tuesday evening of each week is set aside for informal group discussions between faculty members and students on subjects of common interest. The forums are usually held in the homes of the faculty members with fifteen to twenty students participating in the discussions.

Attendance at these forums is entirely voluntary, the student selecting the groups which he would like to attend and then informing Professor Baker of his choice anytime prior to the actual holding of the forums.

Spring Athletic Schedules

Walter Johnson this month announced the spring athletic schedule for the athletic department, listed 21 frays on the diamond, 28 court battles for the tennistars, six track events.

At the same time he announced that the South Carolina Intercollegiate Track and Field Meet will be held at Presbyterian College on May 3 and 4, for the seventeenth consecutive year, and that the State Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament will again take place on Presbyterian College courts, on May 9, 10, and 11.

The schedules are:

BASEBALL:

March 25—Davidson College in Clinton.

March 26—Michigan State College in Clinton.

March 29—Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

March 30—Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

April 2—Erskine College in Due West.

April 5—Binghamton Professionals in Clinton.

April 9—Wofford College in Spartanburg.

April 11—Newberry College in Clinton.

April 12—Oglethorpe University in Clinton.

April 13—Oglethorpe University in Clinton.

April 15—Clemson College in Clinton.

April 17—Newberry College in Clinton.

April 18—Erskine College in Clinton.

April 19—Wofford College in Clinton.

April 20—Newberry College in Newberry.

April 22—University of South Carolina in Clinton.

April 27—Clemson College in Clinton.

April 29—The Citadel in Clinton.

April 30—The Citadel in Clinton.

May 1—Newberry College in Newberry.

May 7—University of South Carolina in Columbia.

TENNIS:

March 15—East Carolina Teach at Clinton.

March 18—Erskine College at Clinton.

March 21—Emory University at Atlanta.

Tennis Team Wins

As the Alumlite goes to press Presbyterian College's Tennis Team has sky-rocketed to national prominence as a result of its 3-3 tie with the Tulane netmen, for Tulane has twice been national intercollegiate champions and holds Southern supremacy in the racket game.

So far the tennistars have played five matches of their 28 event card and have won 35 games while dropping only three. They are undefeated having won from Eastern Carolina Teachers' College by a score of 7-0, from Erskine by the same tally. They have downed Emory University by a score of 9-0, and duplicated that tally against the University of Florida as they administered the 'Gators their first defeat in three years.

So far the high-light of the season has been the 3-3 tie with Tulane, against whom the Hosensmen were not conceded a ghost of a chance.

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March 23—Florida at Gainesville.

March 25—Tulane University at New Orleans.

March 26—Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

March 28—Rutgers at Clinton.

March 30—Emory & Henry at Clinton.

April 1—Georgia Tech at Atlanta.

April 3—Lafayette at Clinton.

April 4—Kalamazoo at Clinton.

April 5—Wofford at Spartanburg.

April 9—Furman at Greenville.

April 12—Michigan U. at Durham.

April 15—Guilford at Clinton.

April 16—S. C. U. at Columbia.

April 18—Wofford at Clinton.

April 19—Furman at Clinton.

April 20—Davidson at Clinton.

April 23—S. C. at Clinton.

April 26—The Citadel at Clinton.

April 27—College of Charleston at Clinton.

April 29—Clemson at Clemson.

May 2—North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

May 3—Duke at Durham.

May 4—Citadel at Charleston.

May 7—Mercer at Clinton.

May 9, 10, & 11—S. C. Intercollegiate Tennis Meet, at Clinton.

TRACK:

March 30—University of Georgia at Athens, varsity.

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Minutes: --- Of Special Alumni Meeting, March 25, for Organizing the Walter Johnson Club

Twenty-two Presbyterian College alumni met in the Radio Studio of the college at 1:15 on the afternoon of March 25, 1940, for the purpose of forming the Walter Johnson Club.

The following alumni were present: Rev. A. W. Dick, of Spartanburg; Rev. McLeod Frampton, of Greenville, William Weldon, of Abbeville; A. W. Brice, of Greenwood; Marion Kirven, of Columbia; John A. Montgomery, of Columbia; Gifford Shaw, of Sumter; Hugh Eichelberger, of Clinton; Dr. Delmar Rhame, Jr., of Clinton; Robert Sims, of Rock Hill; P. H. Bomar, of Orangeburg; Swinton Gramling, of Orangeburg; Rev. Frank B. Estes, of Orangeburg; Wiley Sholar, of Greensboro, N. C.; H. F. Dick, of Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. Eugene T. Wilson, of Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. James Kennedy, of Spartanburg; Dr. William P. Jacobs, of Clinton; Lonnie S. McMillian, of Clinton; H. M. Wilson, Jr., of Clinton; Hugh Holman, of Clinton.

Dr. William P. Jacobs opened the meeting with a few introductory remarks, stating that the meeting had been called at the request of President of the Alumni Association Louis W. Jackson, who was unavoidably absent. President Jacobs emphasized the college's position in athletics, stated that it was now "at the top of the pile among small colleges," declared that Presbyterian College had no intention competing with large colleges. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the organization of a club by the alumni whose purpose would be furthering of the college's athletic program by the advising of the college on athletic policies, the active work of members in influencing good athletes to attend the college, and the financial assistance of the athletic program.

President Jacobs then entertained nominations for chairman of the proposed club. Hugh Eichelberger nominated Wiley Sholar. No other names were presented and the nominations were closed. Mr. Sholar was unanimously elected chairman, and President Jacobs relinquished the chair to him at that point.

Mr. Sholar in his introductory remarks emphasized the need of athletes who are studious, suggested annual dues of ten dollars

per year for members, funds thus accumulated to be administered for furtherance of athletic program through a committee.

President Jacobs stated that the college would do the following for the organization: (1) Pay the traveling expenses of its representatives; (2) have bulletins prepared by the coaches between each football game, commenting on game just past and making predictions on the coming game; (3) have The Blue Stocking sent to each member; (4) have The Alumlite sent to each member.

After discussion on various possible ways in which the club could function, Hugh Eichelberger moved that the group then present go on record as forming a club to secure 500 members who would receive special information on athletics at the college, priority in seating rights in the stadium, and such information and other rights and advantages superior to those enjoyed by non-members. Dr. Delmar Rhame seconded the motion.

Mr. Eichelberger's motion was amended to designate \$10.00 as the minimum annual dues, and to make the name of the organization "The Walter Johnson Club."

The motion carried unanimously.

Jack Nixon, assistant football coach at the college, was nominated for the office of secretary-treasurer by Mr. Eichelberger. The motion to nominate was seconded by Marion Kirven. No other names were presented and Mr. Nixon was elected by acclamation.

Lonnie S. McMillian, freshman football and varsity basketball and track coach at the college, was elected vice-chairman by a similar action.

After considerable debate it was decided that an athletic council of seven members be formed, with the presence of four of them required for a quorum, and that the chairman of the club shall be chairman ex officio of this committee, and the president of the alumni association member ex officio.

The chairman appointed a nominating committee consisting of A. W. Brice, L. S. McMillian, and Marion Kirven to nominate these councilmen.

Reporting for the nominating

committee, A. W. Brice named William Weldon, Robert Sims, Gifford Shaw, Hugh Eichelberger, and Marion Kirven. This report was unanimously seconded.

It was then moved and approved that the terms of office of these men should be staggered, and names were drawn from a hat determining their duration of office. The results were: Marion Kirven, five years; William Weldon, four years; Hugh Eichelberger, three years; Robert Sims, two years; Gifford Shaw, one year.

It was then moved and approved that a fee of \$500 should constitute a life membership, the sum to be used as endowment, the interest from which to be used by the athletic council for the athletic program of the college.

It was further moved and approved that memberships should have a one year duration.

It was moved and approved that the athletic council should draw up a system of by-laws and present them to the group at its next meeting, for approval, and that until that time the council be empowered to function according to its own dictates.

It was moved and approved that there should be a charter member banquet during the commencement period, the date to be set by President Jacobs, and that all persons joining the club prior to commencement would be considered charter members.

The meeting adjourned.

— Hugh Holman,
Acting Secretary.

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Four Presbyterian College debaters participated in the National Pi Kappa Delta Forensic Tournament which began Saturday, March 23, at Knoxville, Tennessee.

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Spring Schedules

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April 6—Clemson College at Clemson, varsity and frosh.

April 13—Newberry College at Clinton, varsity and frosh.

April 26—Davidson College at Davidson, frosh.

May 3—South Carolina Intercollegiate Frosh Track and Field Meet and Trials for Varsity Meet.

May 4—South Carolina Intercollegiate Varsity Track and Field Finals.

New Students Officers Elected

In general student body elections this month Presbyterian College students selected their leaders in student government, religious activities, and publications for the 1940-41 session, and named Harry McSween, of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, to the highest elective office of the student group, the presidency of the student body.

The new student council, whose function is to administer student government under the honor system, consists of: Harry McSween, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., as president; Powell Fraser, of Brunswick, Ga., as vice-president; Hugh Gettys, of Camden, as secretary-treasurer, and the following councilmen: William King, of Riceboro, Ga., Alex Cruickshanks, of Point Pleasant, W. Va.; Charles McDonald, of Dillon, Walker Rivers, of Aiken, and Paul Turner, of Atlanta.

The college yearbook, the PaC-SaC, will have as its editor Hugh Jacobs, of Clinton, with Allen Fessenden, of Atlanta, Ga., as business manager, and Alex Cruickshanks, of Point Pleasant, W. Va., as advertising manager.

The college literary magazine, THE COLLEGIAN, will have as its editor, John Weldon, of Bishopville, with Felton Moore, of Rome, Ga., as managing editor, and Lloyd Evans, of High Point N. C., as business manager.

The president of the Young Men's Christian Association will be Powell Fraser, of Brunswick, Ga., with Felton Moore, of Rome, Ga., as vice-president, and Edward Overcash, of Charlotte, N. C., as secretary-treasurer.

The editor of the weekly newspaper, THE BLUE STOCKING, elected earlier in the year, is Tucker Irvin, of Washington, Ga., with Dan Bird, of Columbia, as managing editor, and Allen Fessenden, of Atlanta, Ga., as business manager.

Nixon's Letter

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forgotten situations came up involving men present: Mr. Bomar's trick recovery of a punt punt from a safety man's arms to run for a touchdown and whip Carolina; Mr. Brice's umpiring a game of baseball against Newberry College in which only 27 men faced P. C.'s pitcher; Mr. Dick's catching the fly the last

Budge To Play Here April 15

Donald Budge, former national tennis champion and the world's number one tennis player, will give an exhibition of how stars play the net game at Presbyterian College on April 15, when he appears in the Presbyterian College Tennis Clinic Stadium in singles and doubles matches.

Budge is being sent to Clinton by the Wilson Sporting Goods Company and their Southern distributors, Lowe & Campbell, of Charlotte, who send him as a recognition of the outstanding part that Presbyterian College has played in the development of amateur tennis in the South, and as a courtesy to Dr. William P. Jacobs, president of the college originator of the tennis clinic idea president of the Southern Lawn Tennis Association, regional vice-president of the United States Tennis Association, chairman of the Junior Davis Cup committee of North and South Carolina and the holder of four positions on USLTA national committees.

man at bat hit—any number of other yarns. The ole boys who were here still have that P. C. spirit which will never die.

In order for this club to reach the peak toward which we are striving this same P. C. spirit must keep on and on. Think of what this thing can mean to Presbyterian College, and you will realize that we must make it click—and I know we CAN!

And think of the advantages to you as members: Next fall you will receive inside information as to how we think we can stack up against our weekly opponents as well as what happened to make us whip the team we played the week before. You will also get priority as to choice of seats at games. You will be on the inside of athletics at Presbyterian College—helping to build a greater program, actually being a part of the organization of one of the grandest men on earth—Walter Johnson.

Several of the boys have already paid their ten dollars annual dues and joined the club. May I urge that you send me your check for the ten dollars—and anything amount above that figure that you care to give. I'll rush you your membership card.

Sincerely,

Jack Nixon.

Football Schedule

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Friday, Sept. 27—Rollins College; Clinton; PC 0, Opp. 13.

Saturday, Oct. 5—Western Kentucky Teachers College; Bowling Green, Kentucky; Did not play.

Friday, Oct. 11—Newberry College; Newberry; PC 6, Opp. 0.

Friday, Oct. 18—The Citadel; Sumter; PC 7, Opp. 12.

Saturday, Oct. 28—Open date. will not be filled.

Saturday, Nov. 2—Mercer University; Macon, Ga.; PC 7, Opp. 0.

Friday, Nov. 8—Erskine College; Rock Hill; PC 20, Opp. 0.

Saturday, Nov. 16—Wofford College; Clinton, HOMECOMING; PC 12, Opp. 12.

Saturday, Nov. 23—Stetson University, Ocala, Fla.; PC 12, Opp. 12.

Saturday, Nov. 30—Oglethorpe University; Atlanta, Ga.; PC 6, Opp. 0.

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Radio Programs

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opinion in the newspapers of the Carolinas.

The listener and station response to these programs has been very pleasing to the department.

A schedule of the broadcast follows:

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C., FORUM OF THE AIR, Fridays at 10:00 PM; EDITORIAL OPINIONS, Sundays at 1:15 PM.

WFBC, Greenville, S. C., FORUM OF THE AIR, Wednesdays, at 1:15 PM; EDITORIAL OPINIONS, Mondays at 5:45 PM.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C., FORUM OF THE AIR, Mondays at 2:00 PM; EDITORIAL OPINIONS, Tuesday at 10:30 AM.

WGNC, Gastonia, N. C., FORUM OF THE AIR, Sundays at 1:00 PM; EDITORIAL OPINIONS, changeable.

WCOS, Columbia, S. C., FORUM OF THE AIR, Sundays at 1:00 PM; EDITORIAL OPINIONS, Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.

WIS, Columbia, S. C., FORUM OF THE AIR, Wednesdays at 3:45 PM (tentative).

WAIM, Anderson, S. C., FORUM OF THE AIR, Tuesdays at 1:45 PM; EDITORIAL OPINIONS, Fridays at 1:45 PM.

WFIG, Sumter. Both programs being used, but no definite schedule announced.